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And accordingly there never has been a great and beautiful character which has not become so by filling with the ordinary and the ordinary, appointed of God—Horne Bushnell.

WAGES AND THE COST OF LIVING.

The Bureau of Labor in Washington makes the encouraging statement that in the principal manufacturing and mechanical industries the average full-time weekly earnings per employee were 3.9 per cent. greater in 1906 than in 1905; whereas the retail prices of food in representative workmen's families were 2.9 per cent. higher last year than the year before. The conclusion drawn by the bureau from this exhibit is that as the advance "in wages per hour from 1905 to 1906 was greater than the advance in the retail prices of food, the purchasing power of an hour's wages, as measured by food, was greater in 1906 than in the preceding year. In 1906 the purchasing power of an hour's wages as expended for food was 1.4 per cent. greater than in 1905, and the purchasing power of a full week's wages was 1 per cent. greater in 1906 than in 1905, or, in other words, an hour's wages in 1906 in the manufacturing and mechanical industries of the United States would purchase 1.4 per cent. more food than an hour's wages in 1905, and a full week's wages in 1906 would purchase 1 per cent. more food than a full week's wages in 1905."

This is a fine showing on its face for the Roosevelt administration and the Republican tariff. But what does the analysis show? First, that by the census of 1900 the number of persons employed in manufacturing and mechanical industries was 7,112,887, whereas the number of persons employed in all occupations was 22,285,922. The bureau's figures apply to less than one-fourth of the persons in the United States engaged in gainful occupations. What of the other three-fourths? Again, in the matter of food, from 25 to 30 articles were investigated, including evaporated apples and pickled pork, and while the average increase is found to be 2.9 per cent. in December, 1906, as compared with December, 1905, butter advanced 15 per cent., lard 13.9 per cent., fresh pork 12.2 per cent., bacon 11.1 per cent. and ham 9.8 per cent. In view of such figures as these, the bureau's "averages" are not very comforting. It may continue to publish flattering statements as to the average wage and the average cost of living, but the "average" housewife knows that she has been compelled to call on her good man for an increased allowance for household expenses, and that she must even at that stint and pinch and economize at every turn to "make both ends meet."

CHICAGO STENOGRAPHERS, NEW STYLE.

The name of Charles R. Barrett, who conducts a shorthand establishment in Chicago, bids fair to go echoing down the halls of time as one of the great benefactors of the human race. Mr. Barrett has consecrated his life to the uplift and betterment of stenographic femininity. He teaches them, of course, how to make the little pot-hooks and pound the ivoryette keys with reasonable accuracy; in that is his business. But along with this he teaches them those other and rarer virtues. Briefly, he defeminizes them to noble ends. He eradicates their frills and furbelows, prunes their exuberances, mental and sartorial, plucks out with ruthless hand their fluffiness.

Here are some of the rules of the austere but elevating Mr. Barrett, as compiled by the Record-Herald of his native city:

"No mastication of the crumpling cloth during office hours. Gum-chewing during a slump in the stock market is to a captain of industry like a red flag to a bull.

"No adorning of the Marcel ripples with bows of ribbon. The master of men, who makes out the salary list, has no sympathy with the ingenious pique.

"No gazing within earshot of the

employer, or of any of his slaves. It gives an air of gaiety to the solemn business of knitting the competitor, N. B.—The cue to laugh is when the boss makes his famous joke about the weather.

"No sauntering about the streets during the noon hour without a hat. It smacks of the young ladies' seminary."

"No wearing of lingerie shirtwaists. It distracts the attention of the men in the office."

Gum, gizzling, hair-ribbons and peekaboos thus go together at one fell swoop. The law of the Barrett stenographer is, officially speaking, forever silent; her scarlet lip is an eternal stranger to the overbubbling and hilarious titter; her coif, severely made, rears aloft no enticing contraption of taffeta; her shirtwaist offers to the observer a solid and united front. All day she sits, silent to tactfulness, her capable fingers (unringed), jabbing away at the machine, her ribbles, once so very ready, now to be utilized only by the ancient pleasantries of him who provides her pay envelope.

Poetry, charm, color and interest have faded from stenography as expounded by Barrett. That is undeniable. But enhanced efficiency, unquestionably, rises up to take its place. Who can doubt that hands which have neither gum nor bows to arrange, nor rabinations to conceal, can do more work and better work than the overburdened hands of the days before Barrett?

THE SIGNS OF THE TIMES.

"I am not exaggerating things a bit," said Representative Siemp in a recent interview, "when I say that Virginia might go Republican if Roosevelt were nominated for President."

That is a safe prediction, seeing that Mr. Roosevelt positively declares that he will under no circumstances be a candidate for another term. But suppose the Republicans should nominate Hughes on a conservative platform, embodying the principles which he has recently declared; and suppose the Democrats should nominate Bryan on a platform embodying his views; would Virginia go Democratic? In all probability, yes; for the majority of voters in this State are so affectionately affiliated with the Democratic party, and are so bitterly opposed to the Republican party, that nothing short of a political revolution would tear them from their allegiance. But in such a contingency as we have supposed, Virginia would be fighting ground for the Republicans, and they would doubtless make a contest. The negro vote is now out of the way, and there are more independent voters in this State than ever before. The same is true of other Southern States, and the national organization will do well to consider the changed condition before making a platform and a nomination. The South is determined to take a part in the proceedings next year, and Democrats from other sections cannot afford to ignore her or draw the line of sectionalism against her. If they do, if they force upon the South a platform and a candidate that are not to her liking, they cannot safely count, as of old, on the "solid South."

We do not pretend to speak by authority for the South at large, or for Virginia, but our remarks reflect the signs of the times.

OCEAN GREYHOUNDS.

According to wireless reports the Lusitania is making a record-breaking voyage across the Atlantic. Sixty-nine years ago the Great Western crossed the ocean in fourteen days, which was a record for that time. The first Cunarders made only eight miles an hour, about one-third the speed of the Lusitania. In 1856 the Persia broke the record between New York and Queens-town by making the run in nine days, one hour and forty-five minutes. In 1866 the Scotia lowered the record to eight days two hours and forty-eight minutes. In 1869 the City of Brussels still further reduced the time to seven days twenty-two hours and three minutes. This record was slightly lowered from time to time, until 1882, when the Alaska crossed in six days eighteen hours and thirty-seven minutes. From that time on the record has been as follows:

1884 Oregon	5	11	5
1884 America	4	10	6
1885 Etruria	4	5	31
1887 Umbria	6	4	42
1889 Etruria	6	1	55
1889 City of Paris	5	19	18
1891 Majestic	5	13	8
1891 Teutonic	5	16	21
1892 City of Paris	5	15	58
1892 City of Paris	5	14	24
1893 Campania	5	12	7
1894 Lucania	5	7	28

Since then the Deutschland and Kaiser Wilhelm II. on the Plymouth route have established the record for speed, the former making an average rate of 23 knots all the way and of 24.19 knots for one day. But if the Lusitania comes up to expectation she will make an average of 25 knots an hour and reduce the time between Queenstown and New York to four days and eighteen hours.

NAMING THE STREETS.

As a compromise for the varied suggestions that have been made in regard to renaming the streets west of Foushee, we propose for the consideration of the public and the Council, that Foushee be retained as the dividing line between east and west, and that the cross streets westward be called avenues. We would retain the names of Adams, Jefferson, Madison, Monroe and Henry, but would designate the others by numbers. Thus the first avenue to the west would be Adams, the second, Jefferson; the third, Madison; the fourth, Monroe, and the fifth Henry. Belvidere would then be Sixth Avenue; Pine, Seventh Avenue; Laurel, Eighth Avenue, and so on to the limit. This would avoid the terms "east" and "west" as applied to the cross streets, and at the same time preserve the historic designations.

The signs for all streets should be of enamel with white background and

blue letters, or vice versa, and should be tacked on the corner houses. On streets and avenues bearing the names of distinguished men, the sign should contain also the date of birth and death of the man for whom the street or avenue was named.

These suggestions are tentative, but we think they are worthy of consideration.

"William M. Chase, who returned to New York recently from a three months' visit to Europe, at his studio, No. 303 Fifth Avenue, said yesterday that his efforts to interest American artists abroad in his plan for some memorial to Stanford White had not with success, but there was a wide range of opinion regarding the proper time. Mr. Chase said:

"I have talked with a number of American artists, including John S. Sargent and Frederick W. MacMonnies, and George W. Brock, director of the American Academy at Rome. All the artists I have seen are agreed that permanent recognition should be made of what Stanford White has done for the beautification of the homes of citizens of New York."—New York Tribune.

This would be most appropriate, provided the memorial should rectify also what Mr. White did for the destruction of homes in New York and elsewhere.

A Kansas judge gave a bailplayer thirty days for licking the umpire. It is evident that the cost of living is rising alarmingly all along the line. In the good old days of a few years back, you could lick no less a person than Jeff Davis of Arkansas, for only \$1 net cash.

Richmond people are preparing to get in their winter's coal supply with a calmness and equanimity unknown elsewhere. Richmond coal costs no more than the other kinds, but is famous throughout the country as the most durable and heat-giving coal ever seen north of Hades.

Through some terrible mistake, a bad advertisement appeared in the Atlanta Georgian the other day. It said to be the nearest that John Temple Graves has come to taking a drink in many years.

Says the Birmingham News: "An Englishman can marry his widow's sister." Are there marriages in heaven, after all, then? Or do Englishmen and their widows' sisters usually make the other exit?

"The Lord," sighs the Houston Post with uprolled eyes, "is much nearer to Houston this beautiful Sunday morning than to any other town in the country." As the advertisement says, there's a reason!

Hobson continues to talk a lot of carnivorous nonsense, but Virginians are willing to forgive him everything as long as he does not attempt to write it Richmond (Va.) P. Hobson.

"British Columbia must be a white man's country," says McPherson, M. P. for Vancouver. We respectfully and earnestly invite the New York Evening Post to sit the errant McPherson without delay.

Opinions are divided as to whether it is better to get in the automobile and have it chuck you against the side of the house, or to walk and let it assault you in the small of the back.

Texas is planning a wild hog hunt for President Roosevelt. Will one of our Lone Star contemporaries kindly tell us who is to be the wild hog?

If Mr. Roosevelt really wants to hog-hunt, why doesn't he go to New York and slaughter some of the end-street boys?

Straw hats begin to make a noise like a hurried departure.

Richmonders who want to see what a baseball pennant looks like of course have the privilege of purchasing transportation to Norfolk.

Chauncey Depew's indorsement of Roosevelt gives new strength to the latter's asseveration that he isn't going to be President any more.

Some say that young Mr. Longworth, in unguardedly admitting that Father-in-law would accept a nomination if it were "forced on him," is undoubtedly gumming the cards and delaying the game.

Opportunities to explain continue to better at former Campaign-Collector Cortelyou's door at the rate of about once each and every week.

It is said that Mrs. W. J. Bryan can swim a mile. Probably her distinguished husband would be put to it to keep abreast of her on his 1907 platform.

Lee Camp Choir.

Editor Times-Dispatch:

Sir—I see from to-day's Times-Dispatch that many members of the Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans, oppose the plan for uniformed choir.

It does seem to me they should not only be allowed the privilege of wearing the gray (uniform), but be encouraged in it. Have any women on earth ever shown a more devoted love or devotion for any cause than the noble women of our Southern land? They have been tireless in their efforts for those who wore the gray ever since the war in a thousand ways, and it does seem to me "as a Confederate veteran," it would be the basest ingratitude in any Confederate to oppose this, which will give them so much pleasure, and will contribute so largely in making our reunions the more pleasant.

Would there have been one-half of the monuments erected to our beloved and honored dead had it not been for their noble work—their self-sacrifices and her prayers?

Confederates, look well to what you are doing, or you may crush this loving spirit.

W. W. PATTESON.

Charlottesville, Va.

POEMS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

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Transfigured Life.

BY DANTE G. ROSSETTI.

As growth of form or momentary glance
In a child's features will recall to mind
The father's with the mother's face combin'd,
Sweet interchange that memories still enhance:
And yet, as childhood's years and youth's advance,
The gradual mouldings leave one stamp behind,
Till in the blended likeness now we find
A separate man's or woman's countenance—

So in the Song, the singer's Joy and Pain,
His very parents, evermore expand
To bid the passion's fulgurine birth remain,
By Art's transfiguring essence subtly spann'd;
So, from that song-cloud shaped as a man's hand
There comes the sound of abundant rain.

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Rhymes for To-Day

OSCUATION, MEDIUM-GRADE.

"The soul-kiss has no relation to any other kiss, or any earthly significance. It is spiritualistic in character—purely."—Mrs. Pepper-Vanderbilt.

JOHN Jenkins one day met a medium. Said she: "To relieve the dull tedium, I'll show you my spiritual kiss." Quoth Jenkins: "Dear ma'am, Trust me to sit calm."

While you, as you say, show the kiss."

Said she: "First I conjure a frenzy— 'Tis on me this minute, I wish! And then . . . Orson—Buddha—Buddha!"

It happened . . . Like this . . . and . . . like this!"

Breathed Jenkins: "Dear miss, the spiritual kiss . . . Is pleasant beyond all dublety; Some . . . surely, Mikel . . . But ain't they some like . . . The regular old-line variety?"

Cried she: "Lackaday! So you doubt me?"

"The conjures the spell—did ye reckon? Unfortunate man, do without me! The spirits now urge me to trek."

And patting her hair, She left Jenkins there,

Who watched her, regretfully, trek.

Poor Jenkins proceeded to knock it— His manner so breezy and brash; Till, sticking his hand in his pocket, He missed \$50 in cash . . .

Sighed he: "The soul kiss, while de-

lightful I wis, Has little relation with plenty; In fact it must strike a plain man as much like . . . The old-fashioned Broadway variety."

H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

Vanity Bags.

"Where is the bloom and freshness of ingenious youth to be found among our society girls?" he cried.

"In their vanity bags," she answered promptly.—Baltimore American.

Short.

Parvulus (going over his estate with his steward)—The fix is very short this year. Seems to me they will only be able to make children's shirts with it.—Filigendie Blaetter.

Astounding.

"Do you know who that old gentleman is talking to our hostess?" asked Mrs. Blunder.

"That," answered the lady coldly, "is my son."

"Oh!" gasped Mrs. Blunder, in confusion. "He's a good deal older than you are, is he not?"—Lippincott's.

The Refrain.

She (turning from the piano)—There! How do you like that refrain?

He—Splendid! The more you refrain the better I like it.—Pick-Me-Up.

Used to It.

"Are you fond of Wagnerian music?" "Well," answered Mr. Cumox, "I'm not exactly fond of it, but it doesn't distress me as much as it used to."—Washington Star.

His Independence.

"I thought you were married, and yet you're sewing on your own buttons."

"I am married, but I keep my independence, let me tell you."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

Cannot Agree.

"Say, Hugo, don't you get punished at home when you're naughty?"

"Nope. Papa and mamma are both lawyers, and they can't agree on the punishment."—Filigendie Blaetter.

Shady Business.

He—Alas! I can never marry you. She—Why not?

He—Because your father is in such a shady line of business.

She—How dare you say that?

He—Why, didn't you tell me yourself he was an awfully tame fellow.—Judge.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Mrs. Augusta Hale Gifford, of Portland, Me., a sister of Senator Eugene Hale, who has spent much time in foreign lands, will shortly begin the writing of a comprehensive history of Russia.

Dr. Henry H. Rusby, dean of the New York College of Pharmacy, Columbia University, has been appointed official expert in drug products for the United States government.

Lieutenant Colonel "Lige" Halford, at the age of sixty-four, is now retired. The place with which President Harrison rewarded him for faithful service has made him a comfortable fact.

The Rev. Dr. C. C. Hughes, father of Governor Hughes, of New York, has been conducting services in a tent in that city. He is so old-fashioned as to publicly disapprove of tobacco, bridge whist and the theatre.

Mrs. George West, formerly Lady Randolph Churchill, is about to write a book of recollections. Her father's talent is well known, and she aided much in the preparation of Lord Randolph's biography, written by her son, Winston Churchill.

Secretary Wilson, of the Agricultural Department, gave the visiting zoologists from abroad an increased idea of our public works when he told them that Congress annually appropriates \$5,000,000 for the three zoological bureaus of his department.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL.

THE celebration of Maryland Day at the Jamestown Exposition today will not only be an important event in State history, but it will also commemorate the birthday of the "Star-Spangled Banner," a matter of national importance and pride.

The exercises will be held in the Auditorium of Governor Warfield, of Maryland; Governor Swanson, of Virginia; President Tucker, Director-General Barr, Chairman F. M. Colston, of the Maryland Commission; Admiral Winfield Scott Schley, Colonel James B. Randall, author of "Maryland, My Maryland," and United States Senator William Pinkney Whyte will be among the speakers for the day.

Splendid music will include a great organ accompaniment with an orchestra, brass band and a full chorus. Maryland, My Maryland, will be sung, the author, leading. The Star-Spangled Banner will be sung from the original manuscript by Mayor Smith, of Frederickburg, the town where Francis Scott Key lies buried.

At the close of the program, a reception will be held at the Maryland Building for Marylanders and their friends, and refreshments will be served.

In the afternoon Governor Warfield will review the troops, and this evening he and his party will attend a reception given them at the Virginia Building by Governor and Mrs. Swanson.

Maryland and Virginia colors will be conspicuously displayed in the drapery and decorations of the State building, and the entertainment will lack nothing to render it as admirable as preceding receptions which have made the fame alike of house and hostess.

Minor-Johns.

The wedding of Mrs. Mary Scott Johns to Mr. John B. Minor, a well known member of the Richmond bar, was quietly celebrated yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, in the home of the bride at Warrenton, Va., the Rev. W. H. Laird officiating.

The bride wore white crepe de chine and carried a white prayerbook. She came with her cousin, Judge R. Carter, South of the city, who gave her away. Dr. Charles V. Carrington was Mr. Minor's best man. Mr. E. B. Thomson, Mr. Minor's law partner, was one of the few intimate friends and relatives witnessing the ceremony.

Invitations Issued.

Mrs. Fitzhugh Lee has issued invitations for the marriage of her daughter, Virginia, to Lieutenant John Carter Montgomery, Seventh Cavalry, U. S. A., the ceremony to be performed at 6:30 o'clock, on the evening of September 25th, in Christ Church, Alexandria.

Miss Hurt Entertains.

Before leaving for Blackstone Female Institute, Miss Lottie May Hurt entertained a few friends on Tuesday evening.

Music and reading were enjoyed by guests during the early evening. Later refreshments were served. Those present were Misses Loveday Overton, Lillian Butcher, Marie Anderson, Ethel Preston, Blanche Williams, Susie Rix, Gertrude Moore, Fannie Epps, Ethel and Rose Selthorp, of New York City, and Miss Frick; Messrs. Bennie Tucker, Bessie Sowers, Clyde Neal, Wallace Overton, Homer Hurt, Robert Epps, Preston, Rev. William French, Junius Marshall, Walter Gilman, Carl Sundae, Mr. and Mrs. Y. A. Hurt were the chaperones.

Personal Mention.

Mrs. J. H. Timberlake, of Allee, has been appointed hostess at Beauvoir, Jamestown Exposition, for the week beginning September 15th.

Miss Sallie Louise Goodwin, daughter of Mr. C. M. Goodwin, has returned to the State Normal College, at Farmville, to resume her studies for the coming session.

Mr. Charles Smithers and Mr. Doris Carr are spending several days at the Jamestown Exposition.

Mr. D. Hunter Burch left yesterday for a short visit to his wife at Newport News and the Jamestown Exposition.

Mrs. Philip P. Tallafiere and children have returned from a visit to relatives in Culpeper.

Miss Amy Tutwiler has returned after a delightful visit to Capon Springs, Va.</